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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Paul A. Borel  
Secretary, Intelligence Advisory Committee,  
Central Intelligence Agency

SUBJECT: NIE 11-4-56: Soviet Capabilities and  
Probable Soviet Courses of  
Action through 1961.

The terms of reference for 11-4-56 have been discussed with the Director of the U. S. Information Agency, and with several members of my staff.

The Director has expressed keen interest in the subject matter and has requested that consideration be given to the propaganda dimension of Soviet capabilities through 1961. A completely integrated estimate would enable him to project to the President this Agency's plan for anticipating and combatting developments in the Soviet propaganda apparatus, its activities and operations.

Specifically, USIA is vitally interested in a projection of Soviet capabilities and intentions in such fields as: RADIO, where they have doubled the number of broadcast hours between 1950 and 1955; OFFICIAL VISITS, such as the Khrushchev-Bulganin trips to Yugoslavia, India and the United Kingdom; participation in, and exploitation of TRADE FAIRS; their activities in the MOTION PICTURE and PUBLISHING fields.

In view of the importance of Soviet intentions in the fields mentioned in the paragraph above, it is requested that the terms of reference of subject NIE be broadened to incorporate an estimate on the points which are of such vital concern to this Agency.

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Chief, Office of Research  
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